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On page 1, on the next line after the title "IMAGE PROCESSING UNIT AND

IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD on line 1, but before "TECHNICAL FIELD" on line 2, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 1, line 2, change "TECHNICAL FIELD" to -1. Field of the Invention--.

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